

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3496 – SB 3270

April 23, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014467): Deletes Sections One, Three, and Four of the original bill. Revises criteria that must be met in order for a local education agency (LEA) to reimburse a residential mental health facility. The residential mental health facility must operate as a Category I school and provide a minimum of sixteen and one-half hours per week of educational services to students. Requires a student admitted to a residential mental health facility to have been enrolled in the LEA in the academic year preceding admission to the treatment facility and to be currently enrolled in the LEA. The student shall have been admitted under a signed, written physician's order based on a medical necessity. The physician must be licensed in Tennessee. Authorizes LEAs to require a physician attestation form that includes the patient's name, dates of admission, and the signature of the physician to be sent to the LEA before any funding is sent to the facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Government Expenditures - \$50,000

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- No change in the source of funding that is sent from an LEA to a residential mental health facility. State and local funding will continue to be sent to such facilities.
- Any change in the number of students admitted to residential mental health facilities will be not significant.
- Any change in the total amount of funding that is sent from an LEA to residential mental health facilities will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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